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Terrible Earthquake in Mexico

Towns and Villages Destroyed by Successive Shocks

Galveston, Texas, March 27.—The shocks were felt here to-day. Many Mexican cable broke twice during the day and the sensitive instruments recorded two severe and four slight earthquakes affecting the eastern coast of Mexico and the cable connecting with the land wires to the city of Mexico at Vera Cruz. During the afternoon the cable worked in fits and starts and brief messages, sometimes badly disconnected, told of the destruction wrought by the quakes in the interior of Southern Mexico. A cablegram to-night says the city of Mexico experienced six shock within 24 hours, but that the damage in the capital is not great, although two buildings are reported to have been cracked by the disturbances. From the smaller towns and settlements south of Mexico city, reports of loss of life and a terrible destruction of property coming in slowly.

Chilpancingo, a city with about 8,000 inhabitants, 10 miles below Mexico city, was practically destroyed early this morning. Every building in town is severely damaged, many of them being totally destroyed by a series of quakes shortly after eight o'clock. No loss of life is reported but many are reported. Chilpancingo, with 1,700 inhabitants was wrecked, last night, by quakes. The loss of life is reported as being between 100 and 200. Cuernavaca, Tlaxcala and Coatepec, three smaller settlements of less than 1,000 people each are destroyed, so no lives are reported lost. Communication with a dozen small towns and settlements were cut off early last night, and at the capital it is feared the loss of life may be many hundreds and that a number of towns have been destroyed. Reports from points north of the capital indicate that the damage is not as great as south of the city although communications have not been reported with several towns. El Paso, Texas, March 27.—The people are in a panic as the result of earthquakes. Two more slight

Saved From Another Invasion

Vancouver, March 27.—That British Columbia was saved from another invasion of a thousand or more Japanese coolies from the Hawaiian Islands last month under the plotting of Senator Chillingworth, is due to the fact that an arrangement was made between the provincial government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, stipulating that the company should not employ Asiatic labor.

Senator Chillingworth, who once bore himself several hundred Japanese immigrants to Vancouver, had already launched his scheme for bringing another ship load and would have carried out the deal had it not been for the agreement reached between the railway and the government.

It was the intention to bring the Japanese directly from Honolulu to Prince Rupert, but it was feared that to land them in Vancouver would be to precipitate another riot. Chillingworth and his Vancouver friends planned that the Japanese once in British Columbia, would be given work on the Grand Trunk Pacific. Chillingworth was advised by his Vancouver lawyers that he could knock out the order in council against the Honoluan Japs which failed to stand the test when brought into court yesterday against the Hindus.

Chillingworth was actually compelled to refund ticket money to several hundred Japanese when he found they could not possibly be employed in railway construction in the north.

Outsider Won Grand National

London, March 27.—The Grand National steeple chase of three thousand sovereigns, including a trophy valued at 125 sovereigns, was run at Aintree and won by Major Bennett's Ruby.

The winner was a rank outsider starting at 66 to 1 against the odds set by Costello, Mr. Coopers' Master, Meteor, and the second, six year old, and carried one pound more than the winner. The Lawyer, third, too to 7, was the only one of the fancied candidates to get placed, owned and trained by Mr. Whittaker. The Grand National course is over a distance of four miles 860 yards and includes thirty jumps, the fences being for the most part larger than are to be found elsewhere. There were fifty entries.

BIG INCREASE IN U. S. IMMIGRATION.

Ottawa, March 27.—Immigration to Canada for January and February from the United States shows an increase of 61 per cent. as compared with the same months last year, but immigration through ocean ports for January and February shows a decrease of 56 per cent.

For eleven months ending with February, the total immigration to Canada was 26,599, compared with 194,082 for the same period a year ago.

Immigration to Canada in 1907 was 359,056, against 141,049 for eleven months ending February, 1908. Arrivals from the United States were 52,021, compared with 32,842 last year.

Lamont

The Rev. McDonald's daughter is sick at Edmonton with diphtheria.

Mr. E. A. Holmes is progressing favorably, and is out of bed now. Mr. Bell is also better.

The marriage takes place to-morrow at Star of Robert Dickie of Lamont, to Miss Ellen E. Campbell of Star.

We notice Joe Hackett around Star again. Joe is a rover, and is returning to Strathcona next month. Strathcona seems to attract him.

Ben Harold and wife arrived from Ontario lately. Mr. Harold is a farmer, and is to commence work on his farm as soon as possible.

Dan had another addition to his family lately—a son. Jim Garret had a boy born to him lately. Mrs. Harris (neé Verkes) is also the happy possessor of a son.

Mr. Marke and J. Johnstone have "swapped" farms. Mr. Marke taking the farm of Ed. Trudeau and Mr. Johnstone taking a C. P. V. quarter near Jim Hackett's.

The brothers Johnstone are in Lamont at present, and are to farm on the half section they purchased from Fred Smith. It is about three miles north of Lamont, near Dan McLean's

sunbury. Alberta is again at her cogency. Late yesterday had lovely weather, and at 12:45 the north wind swept over it, licking up the sand which had withstood the terrible east, with snow again falling. Still with all her faults Alberta is pretty near our hearts.

The Police veterans of 1887 are not to share in the South African veterans' 50 acres of land or strip. We do not understand this treatment of the soldier, which is simply a disgrace. There appears to be no difficulty in the Government bestowing land, coal mines, timber limits and what not on their pets, while those men of 1885 came through hard work and anxiety and get no thanks—no land, strip or anything, simply a medal worth only fifty cents. Isn't that a generous Government?

To Conservatives

A meeting of the Strathcona Conservative Association will be held in Ross Hall on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

It is expected that some prominent speakers on outside will be present to discuss the issues of the day.

A full attendance is requested.

IT DID.

In memory of the Royal Scots Fusiliers who fell in the South African war, a memorial was unveiled in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, recently. The flag used to veil the memorial fell at Pretoria at the first Boer war. At the evacuation it was buried with the word "Resurgam" on the tombstone, and it was subsequently recovered.

LAND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Unimproved land is offered to settlers by the British South Africa Company at from \$8 to \$1 an acre, the former price being for ranching land.

Open Meeting of Literary

The open meeting of the Grandin Street Literary Society last night was a pleasant affair indeed. Many people availed themselves of the privilege of being present and consequently the proceeds were good.

Mr. Jenkins presided.

The following was the program for which hearty encores were given.

Part I.—Chorus, Glee Club; reading Miss Askey; boys' chorus, Hearts of Oak; reading, Mr. Jeffries; humorous song, Mr. Jeffries; violin solo, R. Porte; Japanese chorus, Seven Girls; piano solo, Miss Wilson.

Part II.—The program consisted of a one act dramatic sketch entitled "The Day Before the Wedding," in which Henry Shields, Willie Mills, Charlie Clark and Misses Porte, Martin and Skinner took part. This was a most entertaining sketch and the different characters were all acted in professional style.

The success which attended last night's meeting will encourage the society to hold another such meeting.

OLIVER QUESTIONED RE BUFFALO AND ELK.

Ottawa, March 27.—With the running of the 1000 yards, Mr. Oliver informed Mr. Cockshutt that a couple of Buffalo brought from the States had escaped during the transfer to the park which was originally intended for a herd of elk. He did not know if any elk were there now, but certain individuals were under five thousand dollar bonds to place the herd there.

Mr. Cockshutt inquired if the buffalo and elk would not injure one another. The minister replied that they were in the same enclosure at Banff. The cost of fence around the park has been \$16,500. McCarthy and Staples inquired as to the truth of the statement that Ayotte had assisted Douglas, the Banff National Park Manager, to purchase the buffalo. Mr. Ayotte replied that he had explained that Ayotte the Canadian Immigration agent at Great Falls, Montana, acted as the information agent, and it was largely through his suggestion that the buffalo were secured.

AMERICA BUYS ITS OWN MEAT.

BACK.

London, March 27.—Two million pounds of tinned meats have been shipped from New York from London during the past few weeks as a result of the scarcity of meat in America.

As a consequence of the recent financial crisis the American farmers who were unable to obtain meat placed their cattle on the market instead of stall-feeding them with the result that the price of meat fell while its consumption increased.

From this fact has resulted the usual spectacle of England feeding its cattle to the world, even with the freight to pay twice across the Atlantic. Representatives of a Chicago firm said here yesterday: "We have been able to sell reshipped meat to America at prices six per cent. higher than we could obtain here. London is the cheapest meat market in the world."

Captain Killed By Savages

Captain McKenzie of the Colonial trading schooner Minota, was recently murdered by natives aboard his vessel at Tulagi, in the Solomon Islands.

The Minota was at anchor when a sudden attack by natives was made and the crew were overpowered and bound by ropes, and the vessel looted of everything of value. The savages then attacked Captain McKenzie with tomahawks, and having hacked him to death in the most brutal manner suddenly made off for the shore with what they had pilaged.

I shall be pleased to hear at earliest possible moment if your Club is desirous of competing in order that the necessary grouping and draw may be made as soon as possible.

Clay Clement



We had the pleasure last night of seeing Mr. Clement in his own play "New Dominion," and we can honestly say that if Mr. Clement fails to fill the Strathcona Opera House Monday and Tuesday the fault will lie with the citizens and not with the company. If Mr. Clement fails to draw them Messrs Wainwright & Dunn can had better give up the idea of successfully running an opéra house in Strathcona. With regard to the "New Dominion" we desire first to congratulate Mr. Clement on his ability as a playwright. It is by far the most interesting thing to see an actor that can write a good play. True the greatest playwrights the world over have known the immortal William Shakespeare was a strolling player. In later years also Tom Robertson, the author of such world wide plays as "Castile" "Our Boys" &c., and the father of Forres Robertson and Lady Bancroft was an actor. Mr. Clement as a playwright has written a most excellent comedy with clever dialogue, interesting situations and an artistic denouement. The piece was admirably staged and with regard to the

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Yours sincerely,

A. BENNETT.

Board of Trade Committees

The following committees have been appointed by the Strathcona Board of Trade.

Publicity, J. G. Tipton, A. Davies, and Dr. Herson.

Industrial, J. L. Porte, J. J. McFarland and S. Q. O'Brien.

Finance, J. J. Duggan, S. Archibald and T. P. Malone.

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—An end to the night riding in Kentucky in the White Buffalo district has been brought about through a formal agreement reached between the American Tobacco company and the executive committee of the Society of Equity, in a conference at Winchester, Ky., yesterday, according to apparently authoritative statements made here to day by members of the American Society of Equity. Nearly \$14,000,000 and the purchase of the entire crops of 1906 and 1907 on the one side, and no planting of a crop for the year 1908 on the other, are points in the agreement.

An End to Night Raids

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CURRENT COMMENT

The grits throughout Alberta are shaking their shells. It has only suddenly dawned on them that the trend of public thought is against them. They have so long congratulated themselves that the government of plunder, peculation and parasites was firmly fixed in power that the mere possibility of a change has chilled them to the marrow. True they endeavor to keep up each others courage by parrotlike repeating the cry that they are safe in the hope that they may perhaps make themselves believe it. The whole thing rings false however. They know of the skeleton in the cupboard. It is easy for the Mayor of Edmonton to assume a general bonhomie and wave his hand with easy grace as he says "Many of the alleged scandals which the Conservatives are hurling at the government can be satisfactorily explained, so they have been." What can explain scandals such as the Saskatchewan Land Deal, The North Atlantic Trading Deal, the burlesque Exploration, the Timber Limit Scandals, and the dealings of Preston and Leopold with the Immigration Office, etc., say nothing of the doings of Philip Wagner, Joseph Nixon, R. E. A. Leach and such like by the Liberal Government. All the emblems of folly in the world will not wipe out these black spots on the history of the government. It is well for the liberals to shout on to each other that they are going to win. They know in their hearts that they are going down to crushing defeat. The speakers at the Liberal Convention in Edmonton declared the Hon. Frank Oliver was going in with a record majority and at Hardisty the Premier of Alberta chirruped the same fairy tale about Dr. McIntyre. They will have a rude awakening. In their calculations they have for gotten the great addition to the population of the West, they have forgotten that these immigrants in many cases have come from countries where they do not regard with equanimity the robbing of the public domain where graft and corruption are not considered political virtues and where honesty and integrity are looked upon as the proper attributes of a politician. What will it matter to this new electorate whether a previous government has been as bad as this one or not. They will judge that government on its own record and will inevitably decide that it is bad. If the government does not obey the great majority of the charges made against it. It simply turns back twenty years and declares that a previous conservative government was as bad. This method will not satisfy the new comers. Suppose every government in the past had been steeped in corruption that is no justification for the existence of a corrupt government now. There is one class of new voter that Mr. Day and Mr. Hyndman should poll to a man. We refer to the old country man who has come to Canada within the last decade. We could not imagine anyone, born in the islands that nestled in the North Sea, to be so ignorant of the traditions of the country of their birth as to vote for a Minister like Mr. Oliver or a beachman like Dr. McIntyre, pledged as they are to a policy which fosters graft and corruption which extends into the most secret pillars of the public domain, by the political heel and which steadily blocks any attempt to have the civil service made more independent of politics. These are voters which we defy Mr. Oliver to buy and we certainly would not advise Wagner and Marshall to make a trial. It might be that the political consequences Mr. Day and Mr. Hyndman stand as they do for honest government should secure the solid vote of the old country born.

THE JAPANESE TREATY OF 1894.

In the British House of Commons, Mr. Hills (Durham) asked the Secretary for the Colonies whether before the Convention of 1896 was signed whereby Canada adhered to the Treaty of 1894 between Great Britain and Japan, the effect of that treaty, and especially its effect in allowing the unrestricted immigration of Japanese into Canada had been pointed out to the Canadian Government in any communication from the Imperial Government; what was the nature of such communication; and what was the reply thereto of the Canadian Government.

Mr. Churchill, in replying, stated that in 1905, when the Canadian Government raised the question of their adherence to the treaty with Japan the late Secretary of State inquired whether they were prepared to adhere to the whole treaty without reserve, or wished to adhere subject to similar limitations respecting immigration and other matters to those stipulated when Queensland adhered. The Canadian Government replied that they were prepared to adhere absolutely and without reserve.

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At the stretch there was a chance that the bright brown pony would win; whereat his adherents waxed proportionately enthusiastic and gave frantic encouragement. But a shortening of the stride, a repression of eagerness, a shake of the neck showed what in a woman might have beenique, and finally there came from him a complete refusal.

A murmur of disappointed comment from the crowd, making the few cheers for the winner sound like a laugh at the wrong place.

"Why, he wasn't one-two-three!" the Heron heard the girl say. "Anyways, I believe in him!"

Next day came the cup race.

The Heron, who to every little paddock had given change into a howler, had a table set out in a compartment, much with Japanese utensils, moving silently about in their tight coolie wear and one-toed stockings. From beyond, one could get the pleasant pungent smell of horses.

"Miss Constant!" Mrs. Montebaine announced when the Heron and the plain entered the table. "I want these two men to take care of you while I'm glad I was the first to bring you two together," she finished deeply touching the frank eyes of the Blue Heron.

"Miss Constant wants a pony to ride, and I thought you'd help her out!"

"Right O," agreed the Captain, accepting the speech for himself. "Would you say she needs assistance? She chose 'The Parable'!"

"Isn't he corking?" the girl exclaimed; and then dolefully: "But he didn't win!"

"He will. He's game as a pebble!" "It seems he's to be humored," put in the Heron. "What you want of him must be put to him in an indirect dissuading way."

"It's just complicated!" The boy says all Parable needs is some one 'up' who comprehends him!"

"Yes," the Heron acknowledged absently. An expression of detachment

of sudden disengagement from the scene, swept over his face. Then he glanced inquiringly into her eyes. They were quite drowsy-like down upon great waters.

The count came in as if certain of welcome but Mrs. Montebaine bluffed him. "Oh, Banagos," she said pad-dock. "Would you look it up for me? Thank you!" At this abrupt and evident extrusion of him Miss Constant showed surprise.

In the light that slanted in at the door the Blue Heron had caught again that wondrous look of innocence that stretched across her candid brow. But there was now a wholly comprehendible expression—showing through, and when Mrs. Montebaine trembled one eyelid at him, the Blue Heron thought he detected the slightest, gentlest stirring of Miss Constant's chin. Alarmed he was, and he saw himself this suddenly in mystery of her eyes the lightnings of a possible storm. She certainly had to be, to be wifely, and even rash; but he felt sure it would be a noble rashness and a wise wilfulness.

All minds were burdened with the count, but when the British captain, with a glance around, started a sentence beginning, "You know when I first came across him in Quetta?" Mrs. Montebaine cut it off with:

"You were speaking of The Parable girl?—The Parable is popular because he's more than a pony. He's a touchstone. His nature points social and moral truths."

The Heron raised his head, started as though she might be reading from his thoughts.

"He's a sort of game," she went on.

"If anyone can invent a new application of him, that person gets invited to dinner to tell it! The Parable is like a girl at her coming out—a poet in his song—they must be given their head. They don't need the stools."

What the pony was, developed distinctly in the race for the cup. The Heron saw the running only by curiously glimpses spared from the girl yet he saw enough to convince him

that the darky tout had observed well the rider had no whip or spur. He merely "jolted"! The Parable with soft words, confidently let him go his own pace undisturbed, and The Parable won all the way, slyly, scornfully ears back to catch the thud of the hoofs behind, and then playing forward with joy in his own speed, leaving the length of a street between himself and the field.

The girl impulsively rushed to him and rubbed off a fleck of foam that was sliding down upon one eyelid, and he took her in from top to toe, with the sublime reserve and haughtiness of horses. Alone in the center of the crowd, unconscious of the pictures they made, she laid her white little hand under his sweaty streaks, and he beat his head to her as the cheers went up at the strident announcement: "Paraded first!"

That night, at the Grand, the Captain and the Heron, Mrs. Miss Constant and Mrs. Montebaine, having dinner at the dining-hall, the Parable was having attendance. Mrs. Montebaine, having signaled with a beckoning smile, they followed her party later on the veranda where the music was.

All were in good spirits from the out-of-doors day. The girl's talk was the talk of one superbly up with events. Yet now and then, as if fearing to be thought too clever (for a girl), she would laugh at such and say merrily: "I'm only guessing, you know. Or perhaps I read that: Mother always has one New York paper follow her everywhere, and I have to read it for her."

Then she would frivol about things. And presently, there on the dim veranda, she sang, half under her breath as if she could not restrain the melody in her heart: "Ain't yo' got a little corner in yo' house for me?" sang it in mellow ragtime, sang it with daintiest croquet, the croquet, that proclaims itself in order not to be taken seriously, yet that inflicts its charm no less. Banagos fidgeted in his chair. When she laughed at him he broke away to go to his room for cigarettes.

A moment after the Heron and Mrs. Montebaine, forsakenly as she thought, led the Blue Heron down the veranda.

"Do you know?" he remarked to her, "I don't think that for experienced persons you and the Captain are doing very effective strategic work!"

"No?" she asked the chaperon.

"Sometimes I fear she's impossible!"

That stirred the Heron, as perhaps he intended it should.

For there had revived in him an ecstatic fidelity; seeing once more it impossible to sit by frozen while she became another newspaper "cable" and would example of mesalliance.

Still, there were things one could not do.

To do them would not be playing the game, it would not be what the Captain called "cricket." Chiefly was this so, to the Heron's taste, and instinct, because he had begun to feel himself at the mercy of her face, had begun himself to care for the girl and it was unfair to urge matters in his own favor by any means invol-

Montebaine, were astonished to hear the Captain in his slow manner saying:

"Doesn't it entitle you to find a count a bagman—an inversion of Beaucare? Women always have been susceptible to the sharper masquerade as noblemen. I wonder are they the same toward a nobleman turned himself and the field."

Almost at once there came from the girl, ominously: "At you asking me?"

She made what seemed an impatient irritated motion with her gloves and retorted:

"The man either way would be the same."

"I don't know," he caught her in his deliberate monotone. "Remember the Admirable Crichton. In his own place he was a hunk. On the lonely isle, being older than any other of the castaways, he was a king! And the young ladies treated him in such situation accordingly. He was the same in the man in the least— to them."

There followed a silence, and Mrs. Montebaine, forsakenly as she thought, led the Blue Heron down the veranda.

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depreciation of the count. No man now-a-days persisted in these affairs as he might in others more material. "She likes me, and she doesn't; anyway, she's sound," the Heron ended. The consequence was beyond him.

"His 'parable' would have to work itself, or he would give it all up. Such is the separation of East and West in Yokohama that very few you go home without filling it, I shall consider you stupid!"

"Indeed!" the girl merrily answered two senses. "And it does mean an ed back. "Well, I've never been called stupid!" In all she said there was a candor entirely baffling. "I understand that the Great Blue Heron liked all sorts of lonesomeness," she added, under her chaperon's perplexed frown.

"It used to fancy so. But it's matured on this trip. He's had the explorer's fever, but it's about burned out—for a while, at least. The sole horizon that attracts him now is the one under."

"She indicated, with her fan, in a long sweep, the far edge of the moon-dappled Pacific. "He wants to be back among his own people he says, sharing their work, going with them to their lands. I wish," she added, her eyes upon the girl. "I was somewhat mat big age."

The girl was very quiet; she could not be driven to make her feelings known.

Mrs. Montebaine's maternal fancy had betrothed these two and already held them at home, "seated and fruitful!" as she put it to herself, in a wide flowered country house she had come to like the best details. There would be big, and the stables take a lot of room and they would turn the main door faces into 'jumps,' and the house would have some sensible occupation in town—

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